



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Taylor Swift was born on December 13, 1989, in Reading, Pennsylvania, and is one of the world's most influential, top-earning artists in the music and entertainment industry; and
- WHEREAS: Taylor Swift started her professional career at the age of fourteen upon moving to Nashville in order to write and perform country music, releasing her self-titled album 'Taylor Swift' in 2006 at sixteen years old. A true musician, Taylor writes or co-writes all her music and lyrics, and plays several instruments including the guitar, banjo, and piano; and
- WHEREAS: Taylor Swift has produced six studio albums, and is one of the world's best-selling artists, selling over 40 million albums and 130 million singles to-date; and
- WHEREAS: Taylor Swift has received numerous awards for her music and songwriting, including ten Grammy Awards, 19 American Music Awards, 23 Billboard Music Awards, 20 Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association Awards, and one Emmy; and
- WHEREAS: Taylor Swift has accumulated many accolades, including two appearances as one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People; Time Magazine's 2017 Persons of the Year for her role in the #MeToo movement; USA Today's Musician of the Year; Rolling Stone's Greatest Artists of All-Time and 100 Greatest Songwriters of All-Time; Billboard Music Awards' Woman of the Year twice; and Forbes' 100 Most Powerful Women and Celebrity 100; and
- WHEREAS: Taylor Swift is the first artist to ever have four albums sell over a million copies in one week in the United States, is one of only two women to win the Grammy's highest honor of Album of the Year twice for 'Fearless' and '1989', is the youngest Album of the Year winner for 'Fearless' at 20 years old, and has succeeded in reaching the top of the charts of several musical genres; and
- WHEREAS: Through her personal and honest music, Taylor Swift has energized and inspired not only Minnesotans, but people all over the world, and is a positive influence on her fans through her example of truthfulness, grace, extensive philanthropy, and strength of character; and
- WHEREAS: Tens of thousands of Minnesotans will gather at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Friday, August 31, and Saturday, September 1, 2018, to see Taylor Swift perform; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, as:

## TAYLOR SWIFT DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR